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**Subject: Plainwell Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**  
**August- September 2007 Progress Report**

Dear Sam:

As required by Task 8, *Progress Reports*, in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell Inc., Mill Property, I am submitting the attached progress report for the period from August 23, through September 14, 2007, for the above-referenced site.

Please call me, at (253) 924-3746, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Weyerhaeuser Company

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Attachment

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**Progress Report No. 13**  
**August 23, 2007, Through September 14, 2007**

**Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study**  
**Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property, Plainwell, Michigan**

This progress report is being submitted in accordance with Task 8, *Progress Reports*, and the *Schedule for Major Deliverables* contained in the Statement of Work for the RI/FS at the Plainwell, Inc., Mill Property.

1. Summary of Work Performed During the Current Reporting Period:

- On September 5, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA the design report for an emergency action of the Kalamazoo River banks along the former Plainwell Mill property.
- On September 10, Weyerhaeuser submitted to the U.S. EPA the Draft Addenda to the Multi-Area Field Sampling Plan (FSP) and Multi-Area Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). These addenda update the existing FSP and QAPP as necessary to support an emergency action of the river banks along the former mill property.
- On September 11, the U.S. EPA provided comments on Weyerhaeuser's August 14 conceptual design approach for an emergency action of the river banks along the former mill property.

2. Summary of Data Collected During the Current Reporting Period:

- No data was collected during the current reporting period.

3. Summary of Activities Undertaken in Support of the Community Relations Plan (completed during the current reporting period and anticipated during the next period):

- No activities were undertaken during the current reporting period, and none are anticipated during the next period.

4. Summary of Any Modifications to the Work Plans or Other Schedules Proposed To, or Approved By, the U.S. EPA:

- None.

5. Summary of Problems Encountered During the Current Reporting Period:

- None.

6. Summary and Schedule of Work Anticipated During the Next Reporting Period:

- Pending U.S. EPA approval of the design report for an emergency action of the river banks along the former Plainwell Mill property, and as weather allows, Weyerhaeuser plans to mobilize equipment and personnel to the former mill property to begin implementation of the emergency action of the river banks.
- On October 3, Weyerhaeuser and the City plan to meet with the U.S. EPA to present their joint approach for continuation of the integrated remediation/redevelopment process (e.g., sequencing of activities and schedule).

7. Anticipated Problems Associated with Work During the Next Period:

- None.

8. Planned Resolution of Past or Anticipated Problems:

- None are needed.

9. Other Relevant Information:

- None.